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GERMANY NOT ANXIOUS TO PROVOKE A QUARREL

BERLIN AVERS SHE REGRETS SEA ACCIDENT

AMBASSADOR CALLS ON STATE DEPARTMENT WITH SYMPATHIES.

RESPONSIBILITY PUT UPON THE ENGLISH

State Department Receives Call From Diplomat—Calm Deliberation Now Possible—Attack Not Aimed at the Americans On Board Ill-fated Ship, Is Official Word.

GERMANS ARE SORRY.

Berlin, May 10.—The German government has cabled the state department at Washington expressing the deepest sympathy for the loss of Americans on the Lusitania. The German foreign office reiterates, in the cablegram, the responsibility rested on England.

The note sent by cablegram goes on to regret that Americans relied upon England's promises instead of upon Germany's warnings.

Washington, May 10.—One point in the international tangle growing out of the loss of 115 Americans on board the Lusitania is settled. Germany is not seeking to provoke a quarrel with the United States. This was accepted by Ambassador Von Bernstorff called on the state department and expressed deep regret for the loss of Americans, and cable dispatches told of messages forwarded from Berlin expressing regrets by the Berlin government.

Berlin hasn't withdrawn from the position that the attack upon the Lusitania was justified. Her view is that the vessel was carrying munitions of war and was subject to submarine attacks. But Germany, through Von Bernstorff, sought to show the torpedoing of the vessel upon which were known to be many Americans, wasn't planned as an affront at this government. The officials don't pretend to say this eliminates all difficulties in the dealing with the grave problems confronting the administration, but it is agreed that the expressions of good will have opened a way for calm deliberation between Washington and Berlin.

N. K. West Home.

N. K. West came home from Salem Sunday morning where he had been in attendance at a meeting of the State Fair Board. All preliminaries are now being worked out for the biggest State Fair Oregon ever had.

Rear Admiral Potter, 65. Whitehall, N. Y., May 10.—Rear Admiral William P. Potter, U. S. A., retired, celebrated his 65th birthday today. He was advanced for signal bravery during the Spanish American war.

Grout's Trial Begins

New York, May 10.—The trial of Edward M. Grout, for perjury and making a false report as President of the now defunct Union Bank of Brooklyn, is scheduled to begin today.

Women's Tennis Championship

New York, May 10.—The Women's metropolitan championship at the West Side Club at Forest Hills, Long Island, began today. The date was changed from May 23, the time originally set for the opening.

TODAY'S ODDEST STORY.

Plattenville, Colo., May 10.—A city well is to bring fame to Plattenville, that is, if some get-rich-quick Wallingford doesn't get an option on it before the city does.

Samuel Brosche, who first tasted the water from this magic well, had his grey hair turned to its former raven shade. The mayor, long a sufferer from indigestion, is said to have been cured by drinking the water. The only man in town who does not approve of the remarkable water is the owner of the local thirst parlor, because, he says, so much water is being drunk no one has room for any other kind of liquid.

"SOWING" SPIKES IN FIELDS OF FRANCE TO SLOW UP ENEMY'S CHARGES



THIS REMARKABLE PHOTOGRAPH OF A WIDE AREA THICKLY PLANTED WITH SHARP STAKES SHOWS HOW ONE SIDE IS PROTECTING ITSELF AGAINST SURPRISE CHARGES.

LUSITANIA VICTIMS BURIED AT QUEENSTOWN

Queenstown, May 10.—With all survivors certainly accounted for, the latest figures the Cunard company has announced is a total dead of 1149 as a result of the Lusitania horror. According to reports 115 Americans perished. One hundred and 14 bodies have been recovered, and eighty-seven of them identified. The number saved of all nationalities is placed at 767. Of these 465 were passengers.

There is still speculation as to whether the Lusitania was struck by two torpedoes or only one was launched, it causing the explosion of the boilers. Captain Turner said there is no doubt but that two were fired.

The biggest funeral in the history of Queenstown is being held today. Three processions wended their way to the temporary morgues and to the cemeteries.

Lusitania Twice Warned.

London, May 10.—The British Admiralty warned the Lusitania of the presence of submarines off the coast of Ireland, the lord of the admiralty, Winston Churchill, said today when questioned by the House of Commons. In explaining failure to provide the Lusitania with a convoy of destroyers, Churchill declared resources of the admiralty wouldn't permit furnishing escorts to merchantmen or passenger ships.

Cartridges Aboard.

New York, May 10.—Herman Winter, a Cunard line official, admitted today the Lusitania carried about 4100 cases of cartridges but he insisted cartridges couldn't be regarded as ammunition.

Inquest Is Held.

Kinsale, Ireland, May 10.—"Wilful and wholesale murder" was the verdict returned against the kaiser and the German government, and officers of the crew of the German submarine which sank the Lusitania, following the inquest into the death of five victims brought here. At the inquest, Captain Turner of the Lusitania said he received information that an attempt would be made to sink the ship.

ELKS IN NEW HOME.

Steward "Cap." Rogers Says it is "Fine Place."

La Grande Lodge No. 433 B. P. O. Elks has moved into its new home and on May 13th a big gathering of the membership will in a way get things adjusted. In speaking of the new home "Cap." Rogers who is custodian and steward said, "it is a fine place and I don't quite feel quite at home, but think we will get used to the polished surroundings in due time."

To Attend State Meeting.

Saturday night J. H. Pearce and M. B. Donohue left for Portland to attend a state meeting of the Knights of Columbus. They expect to return tomorrow morning.

Liquor Legislation in Canada

Regina, Sask., Canada, May 10.—Liquor legislation is the outstanding feature of the session programme of the Saskatchewan legislature, which opened a special session today.

Attempts will be made to abolish all bar and club licenses after July 1, creating a system of government dispensaries in lieu of the present privately owned wholesale shops and providing the necessary machinery for the taking of a referendum vote to renew the license system or make the abolition of the bars permanent after the war is over.

Next in importance to the new liquor legislation will be the report of the royal commission of inquiry into the subject of the agreements under which agriculture implements and machinery are sold. The report of the commission will be ready for presentation and will be followed by the introduction of the government bill dealing with this important and knotty question to give further protection to farmers against seizure of their goods.

Waterworks Experts Meet.

Cincinnati, O., May 10.—Twelve hundred men interested in hydraulics are expected to attend the conventions of the American Waterworks association, the Central States Waterworks association and the Manufacturers association here this week. Sessions will be held at the Hotel Gibson. Twenty-nine years ago the waterworks experts met here, holding their sessions in the Old Gibson. One of the features of the convention will be a study of the Cincinnati water system, which local engineers claim is one of the finest in the world.

Brazilian Ambassador's Vacation

Washington, May 10.—The Brazilian Ambassador and Mme. da Gama will leave today for Heron Hill, their summer home at Long Branch N.

Cigarmakers Convention.

Dayton, O., May 10.—Leading cigar leaf packers of the United States will meet here today and tomorrow in the annual convention of the National association of Cigar Leaf Packers, of which Charles Fox of New York is president.

The association probably will go on record for tariff revision with respect to tobacco and discussion of the situation growing out of free admission of Philippine and Porto Rico tobacco.

National Grocers Association Meets.

San Francisco, May 10.—The eighth annual convention of the National association of Retail Grocers opened here today for a four day session under the auspices of the exposition. More than 350 delegates representing grocers' organizations throughout the country are attending the convention. Frank B. Connelly, of San Francisco, is president of the organization.

Weathermen in City.

H. H. Weatherspoon, of Elgin, spent Sunday in La Grande on business. He says the apple crop this year is in good shape, and the late freeze did not harm it to any extent and apparently other sections of the country are cut about twenty-five per cent short on apples. With this outlook the apple growers of the Grande Ronde have occasion to be cheerful.

Roads Being Worked.

County Judge Phay is spending most of his time these days in the country directing the work on the county roads. The mountain road to Hilgard and to Starkey is receiving attention and many places in the valley are now being worked. The King road drag is to be used generally over the country he says.

WOMAN KILLED AND MANY BUILDINGS FIRED BY AN AIR RAID OVER ENGLAND

London, May 10.—South-End and Westcliff, 30 miles from London, were raided by Zeppelins and taubes early today. One is known to have been killed and it is feared others will be reported dead. Numerous bombs were dropped and the damage to property is extensive.

Mrs. Agnes Whitnell was killed at Westcliff when she jumped from an upper story window during the bombardment. The invaders proceeded as far as Ben-Fleet, and then sailed continentward. Nine buildings in South-End were fired and destroyed. Forts at the mouth of the Thames opened fire on the invaders but they escaped apparently undamaged.

VICTORIA B. C. UNDER MARTIAL LAW; RIOT ENDS

CANADIANS ATTACK GERMANS—NOW NATURALIZED AND LIVING IN CANADA.

DEFENSE OF KAISER SIGNAL FOR ATTACK

Much Property Destroyed by Rioting Which Follows Gatherings of Mobs—Germans Now Naturalized are Attacked—One Man Loses Several Thousands—Brewery Damaged.

Victoria, B. C., May 10.—Following a night of rioting, martial law prevails in Victoria. The damage done by zealous Britons to property of German-Canadians is heavy. Simon Leiser, a German naturalized Canadian, sustained property damage that is estimated at \$25,000. The Phoenix brewery was almost destroyed, with a loss of thousands.

Defense of Kaiser Resented. Vancouver officials have asked for military help to patrol the city and protect the Germans who happen to be there. The spleen of the crowd was vented on any person known to have German blood or to have expressed any defense of the sinking of the Lusitania.

MORRISON FUNERAL TODAY

Body of Former La Grande Man Cremated in Portland.

The funeral of Will J. Morrison, who died suddenly at his home in Rose City Park in Portland, Friday night, was held this afternoon at the Finley chapel in Portland and the body was cremated in the Portland crematorium.

Death came to Mr. Morrison suddenly after he had retired Friday night. Heavy breathing caused alarm and Dr. Lincoln, formerly of La Grande, and a Portland physician were summoned, arriving at the home in a few minutes. No relief proved of avail and death immediately followed. So sudden did the end come that relatives were at first fearful that Mr. Morrison had done something to hasten his demise. By order of relatives physicians examined the stomach, but found no trace of anything of a suicidal nature. They also found that his heart was enlarged and apparently that was the cause of the untimely death.

The deceased was well known in La Grande, having been connected with the Hill drug store here for about nine years. Later he had a drug business of his own at North Powder which he sold and removed to Weston, where for several years he owned the only drug store in that community. Some time ago he disposed of that, removed to Portland and purchased the Rose City Pharmacy, and it is reported was building a fine business. His finances were in good shape and he had no debts to burden him.

His wife, Edna Morrison, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schilke, of this city. He also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Jennie Bartlett, of Hill, New Hampshire; Mrs. Lena Anderson, of Vancouver, B. C.; Mrs. Harvey Mathewson, of Sunnyside, Wn. Two brothers survive him. They are Dr. A. D. Morrison, of Carleton, Ore.; S. J. Morrison of Sunnyside, Wn. His father, Hugh D. Morrison, also resides at Sunnyside.

The deceased was 32 years of age.

BELL MAY COME.

Historic Relic May Pass Through La Grande in July.

There is a possibility that Liberty Bell will be sent through La Grande on its way to San Francisco. The tentative schedule provides that it be sent to Portland via the Huntington gateway, and after being on exhibition at San Francisco, will be sent to San Diego.

The old bell that heralded the founding of the United States from Independence hall in 1776, is probably America's most sacred relic. It has remained in Philadelphia since that time except for short periods when it was transported to various parts of the country. It was taken to New Atlanta, Ga., in 1895; to Charleston, S. C., in 1902; to Boston in 1903, and to St. Louis in 1904.

On these trips the bell was carried on a steel flat car with specially constructed springs. The bell will rest on rubber pads. On the trip it is proposed to have 24 Councilmen and a number of other officials as a bodyguard for the bell. It is planned to have the bell leave Philadelphia about July 7. It will remain at the Panama-Pacific Exposition until November.

MOON ATTACK MYSTERY NOT CLEARED ANY

THEORIES UNSUPPORTED BY CLEWS KEEP OFFICERS IN BEWILDERMENT.

WOMAN'S FATE MORE PRECARIOUS THAN EVER

Complications Setting in that Discourage Physicians—Finger Prints Missing—Windows Not Pried Open—Woman Grooms Husband with Smiles—Her Relatives Due from East.

That the word of Mrs. J. W. Moon, who was horribly gashed with an ax early Saturday morning at her home in Connordale, alone will disclose the identity and nature of the assailant who cut open her skull, is the conclusion reached after a continued search for tangible clues since the outrage was discovered. Though Mrs. Moon still lives this afternoon, and despite the fact that she was some better this morning, her temperature is rising today and there is some danger of serious complications resulting from the fracture of the skull at the base. Although she has told some things to the police, just what it was is a matter of official secrecy to date. The rumor is current that it would tend to exonerate her father-in-law, who was placed under arrest last Saturday afternoon, charged with being a suspect. His nervous manner and strange behavior Saturday lead to his arrest, but the police have found no motive or any clinching clue against him—yet he is still being held. A man thought to be a tramp, arrested at Kamela Saturday, and a man named Hume, are still held in the county jail, as additional suspects. The story that the senior Moon had spent the night previous at his son's home is found to be faulty—he was at his own home, it appears, and left there in the morning.

Hume is the man arrested Saturday, countless, and who says his was burned up.

The case is enveloped in mystery from beginning to end. The finding of a neighbor's ax and the stick of wood at the window, which corresponds to a neighboring woodpile, the fact that there is no evidence of force being used to open the windows; these and a score of other circumstances which the police is not making public, make of the crime one of the most baffling that has come to light in many years. Theories only are guides and these are exploded with distressing regularity, until there remains but a few conclusive facts, among them being that the crime was committed, that it was the most brutal and brutelike of any that mark the criminal pages in Union county, and further, that the farther the investigation goes the more muddled it becomes. A half dozen plausible theories are still retained by the sheriff and police officers, but no connecting link has yet been found.

This morning the attending physicians issued the following statement of the injured one's physical status:

The pulse was normal for a time this morning. The wounds over the ear will not likely cause death or serious complications but the fracture of the base of the skull is liable to cause complications such as meningitis. If the patient goes through today without developing new conditions for the worst, her recovery will be a less remote possibility. The right eye which was perfectly clear Saturday is now blotching up with blood from the injuries and hemorrhages from the eyes, ears and nose continue. The doctors were much pleased with her physical condition this morning.

Recognizes Relatives.

Yesterday the patient recognized relatives but could not recall names. The Sunday afternoon test was commenced with the husband who was let into the room. He was greeted with a smile and outstretched hands. Mrs. Mahoney, a sister of the patient, was likewise received, but for the time being Mrs. Moon could not recall the names of either her sister or her husband. Later her husband's name occurred to her and this morning.

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ASSASSINATION RUMORS ANNOY.

Washington, May 10.—The house today expressed annoyance at the wild report that the president had been assassinated. Many inquiries were received as to how and where it occurred. Where the report originated, is not known.